

**Khajla- Past History and Children in the system**

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Hello my name is ~~Katla~~. I am from Rio Linda California and I am a Dalit-American from the Ravidassia community in Sacramento. I am also a Dalit-American and a father with children in the California School system. I am deeply offended by the Hindu American Foundation, Uberoi Foundation, and Dharma Civilization Foundation to erase the religious origins of caste and to erase the violence that is core to the caste system. As a Dalit-American and Ravidassia whose religion was formed in response to caste oppression, I come representing Dalit-Americans and also as a veteran of these debates. For I was a part of their first attempts to tamper with California textbooks in 2006. It is disheartening to see them invest thousands of dollars and continue the same hateful strategies to remove facts and hijack and evidence based driven review of the California Textbook History and Social Science Frameworks.

To teach the narrow Hindu sectarian understanding of history to 500,000 sixth graders in California is not only inaccurate but ethically questionable, cultivating the notion that any form of supremacism within any nation is acceptable.

It is also very important that Board know that the Hindu American Foundation, Uberoi Foundation, and Dharma Civilization Foundation's positions are consistent with the attempts of Hindu extremist groups to rewrite history in India to validate a 'Hindu worldview' in their larger agenda to transform India from being a secular democracy to becoming a Hindu homeland.

By accepting their version of history in California, we will accept the mandate of Hindu supremacists and make it dangerous for my relatives in India to thrive as they continue a culture of violence.

Their success in falsifying California textbooks might well be their inroad into the American educational system, leading to efforts to rewrite textbooks in other states, exploiting the language of multiculturalism. For me this cannot happen. I immigrated to the United States to escape the caste and gender violence of the Hindu system and want only for my children to receive a fact based historically accurate curriculum. Please I urge the History and Social Science Frameworks committee to remain committed to a fact-based review and thank you for your time.

*If you want fact of caste system my request to you please ~~India~~ visit India and ask from Ambassador & Consulate General of U.S.A In India.*